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SUBJECT: SHADRIN CASE

1. WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING WITH CHILEANS THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY IN PROPOSING TO SOVIETS THAT THEY EXCHANGE 13 PRISONERS FOR 13 JAILED CHILEAN COMMUNISTS. IDENTICAL OFFER MADE THROUGH COPENHAGEN-BASED "SAKHAROV COMMITTEE" AND PUBLICIZED BY THEM APRIL 22 HAS DRAWN NO INDICATION OF SOVIET INTEREST. CHILEANS HAVE AGREED TO OUR INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US (SHADRIN) IN LIST OF 13, REMAINDER OF WHICH WOULD BE JAILED DISSIDENTS (E.G. MOROZ, ORLOV, ETC.). THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN TENTATIVELY RECEPTIVE TO OUR ARGUMENTS THAT SUCH A DEAL COULD BEST BE HANDLED IN
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UNOFFICIAL CHANNELS.

2. UNOFFICIAL CHANNEL WE HAVE HAD IN MIND IS YOU TO VOGEL. PROBLEM IS COPAKEN'S INSISTENCE THAT THIS WOULD VIOLATE VOGEL'S "SPECIFIC GUIDELINES" THAT SHADRIN CASE ONLY BE DEALT WITH IN VOGEL-COPAKEN CHANNEL. COPAKEN HAS RESURRECTED NOTES OF HIS MEETINGS WITH VOGEL LAST

MARCH WHICH HE SAYS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ANY OFFICIAL USG INVOLVEMENT WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE SAID THAT OUR

RECOLLECTION IS THAT VOGEL'S OBJECTION WAS TO RAISING CASE OFFICIALLY WITH SOVIETS, NOT TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT.

3. WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO COPAKEN THAT WE CANNOT AUTHORIZE HIM TO NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF THE CHILEANS, BUT HE REMAINS INSISTENT THAT HE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE AT LEAST THE INITIAL APPROACH TO VOGEL.

4. WE ARE CONSIDERING OFFERING TO LET COPAKEN PARTICIPATE WITH YOU IN ANY MEETINGS WITH VOGEL OUT BEFORE MAKING SUCH AN OFFER WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEW OF POSSIBLE VOGEL OBJECTIONS TO YOUR INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF YOUR LAST REPORT OF DISCUSSION WITH HIM (USBER 1334). WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ESTIMATE OF WHEN YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO MEET VOGEL IF INSTRUCTED.

5. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PROPOSAL IS LONG SHOT, BUT OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE GREATER THROUGH VOGEL THAN THROUGH DOBRYNIN. CHRISTOPHER

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